



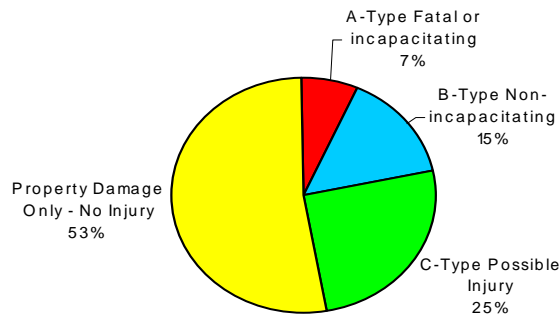
Red Light Running Facts

Red light running is a dangerous and costly problem in Houston.

- Every year, thousands of crashes occur due to motorists running red lights in Houston.
- Local red light crashes account for approximately \$121 million per year in direct economic cost and \$225 million per year in total comprehensive cost.¹

A crash caused by a driver who runs a red light is more likely to result in serious injury or death.

- Deaths caused by red light running are increasing at more than three times the rate of increase for all other fatal crashes.²



Source: 2003 Institute of Transportation Engineers, "Making Intersections Safer: A Toolbox of Engineering Countermeasures to Reduce Red Light Running".

- More people are injured in crashes involving red light running than in any other crash type.
- Reduction in red light running through a comprehensive red light camera program will help promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare of Houston citizens.

Most people run red lights because they are in a hurry, when in fact they only save seconds.

- Almost all drivers (96%) fear being struck by a red light runner.³
- A majority of Americans (56%) admit to running red lights.³
- Red light runners can be any one of us who drives.³
- One in three Americans knows someone who has been injured or killed in a red light running crash.³
- Red light running is often a result of aggressive driving, and is **completely preventable**.



Sources:

¹ Houston-Galveston Area Council

² "Stop Red Light Running," Federal Highway Administration Safety Website: safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/srlr.htm, 2002.

³ R. A. Retting and A.F. Williams, "Characteristics of Red Light Violators: Results of a Field Investigation," *Journal of Safety Research* (1996): 27.1, 9-15.